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Designating May 2, 1993, through May 8, 1993, as "Be Kind to Animals and National Pet Week".

Whereas 1992 marks the 77th anniversary of the American Humane Association's "Be Kind to Animals Week" and the 12th anniversary of "National Pet Week", sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Auxiliary to the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the American Animal Hospital Association;

Whereas animals and pets give companionship and pleasure in daily living, share the homes of over 50,000,000 individuals or families in the United States, and provide special benefits to elderly persons and children;

Whereas the people of the United States have a firm commitment to promote responsible care of animals and pets and to guard against cruel and irresponsible treatment;

Whereas teaching kindness and respect for all living creatures through education in schools and communities is essential to the basic values of a humane and civilized society;

Whereas the people of the United States are grateful to the veterinary medical profession for providing preventative and emergency medical care and assistance to animals, spaying and neutering animals to combat overpopulation, and contributing to the education of animal owners; and

Whereas the people of the United States are indebted to animal protection organizations, State humane organizations, and local animal care and control agencies for promoting respect for animals and pets, educating children about humane attitudes, and caring for lost, unwanted, abused, and abandoned animals: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That May 2, 1993, through May 8, 1993, is designated as "Be Kind to Animals and National Pet Week". The President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United

States to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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